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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced that Jerome Hill, 24, of Peabody, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 130 months (10 years, 10 months) imprisonment after pleading guilty in the United States District Court to four counts of bank robbery relating to the May 24, 2002 robbery of the Citizens Bank, Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, the June 12, 2002 robbery of the Maine Bank and Trust in York, Maine, the July 10, 2002 robbery of the Norway Savings Bank in Saco, Maine, and the August 2, 2002 robbery of the Citizens Bank, Barrington, New Hampshire. Hill was sentenced to 130 months on each bank robbery. The court ordered that the sentences were to run concurrently.

Hill was also sentenced to three years of supervised release on each count. Supervised release begins after a person has been released from prison. Each of the three year supervised release sentences also were ordered to run concurrently.

Hill also was ordered to pay restitution to the victim banks.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The dedicated efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Hampshire State Police resulted in the successful capture of this defendant and the resolution of four bank robbery cases. This case demonstrates how cooperation between federal and state law enforcement agencies can produce excellent results." This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.